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To the Citizens of Greater Concord,

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Concord, I invite you to join us for the fifteenth annual **Concord Reads** program this spring. One of the main objectives of **Concord Reads** is to encourage people in the community to make connections through literature and reading. This community-wide reading program is presented by the Concord Public Library and the Concord Public Library Foundation with the help of many community partners. Last spring, residents read and discussed *When Books Went to War* by Molly Guptill Manning, as well as had the opportunity to meet and hear from the author about her writing experience.

This year we will be celebrating the title: *Adrift: 76 Days Lost At Sea*, by Maine author Steven Callahan. When the title was released it remained on the New York Times bestseller list for 36 weeks. Callahan chronicles his 76 days adrift at sea on an inflatable raft after the boat that he designed and built himself capsizes. While drifting for 1800 miles, Steve overcomes deep hunger, raging storms, and scorching tropical sun while fighting off sharks and watching as boats pass him by unseen. Steve's story of survival and determination to reach land is a must-read.

Copies of the book are available for borrowing at the library in both print and audiobook, and eBooks are accessible through the library website. Programs and events relating to *Adrift: 76 Days Lost At Sea* will be conducted by the Library throughout the spring. Dates will be posted in the community in the coming days and further program details are available through the library's website at [www.concordpubliclibrary.net](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net) and social media.

Sincerely,



Jim Bouley  
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